

***Eurydema ornatum* (L.) (Het.: Pentatomidae) established on the Isle of Wight**

Since reading of the discovery of the shieldbug *Eurydema ornatum* (L.) in Dorset (Slade et al., 2005, *Ent. Rec.* **117**: 221 – 227) I have taken care to check crucifers for this insect. While walking from Bonchurch to Ventnor on the south coast of the Isle of Wight on 20.x.2006 I noticed an unfamiliar bug on a wallflower plant, *Cheiranthus allionii*, growing at the foot of chalk cliffs. Three others were soon found on the same plant. One was teneral with yellowish markings, showing that breeding had taken place at the site. They appeared to be *Euredema ornatum*. Identification was confirmed using the key provided by Slade et al., (2005) and by reference to the commentary by Charles David and images of red and black bugs in the entomology section of the website of *La Société Guernesiaise* [www.societe.org.gg/]. It seems likely that this is an example of another insect that has recently extended its range to the UK in response to increased temperatures. Not far from the shieldbugs, I found a nest aggregation of the bee *Colletes hederæ* Schmidt & Westrich. Another nest aggregation was found at Castle Cove west of Ventnor and there were numbers of Harlequin Ladybird, *Harmonia axyridis* (Pallas) squashed on the footpath between Ventnor and Castle Cove. I regularly work these localities for insects so I am reasonably confident that all three species are recent colonists.— JOHN PAUL, Downsflint, High Street, Upper Beeding, West Sussex BN44 3WN.

***Crocallis dardoinaria* Donz. (Geometridae), the Dusky Scalloped Oak and *Diarsia dahlii* Hb. (Noctuidae), the Barred Chestnut: Two new moths for Devon**

A specimen of *Crocallis dardoinaria* was taken at light at Exmouth by Dave Walls, a member of Devon Moth Group, on National Moth Night, 23 September 2006. This is not only a first for Devon, but also the first example for the UK mainland. The specimen is in the collection of Peter Baker.

The first Devon record of *Diarsia dahlii* to be supported by a voucher specimen was made by Dave Paull and Steve Hatch, at Watersmeet, when one was taken at light – also on 23 September 2006. There are some early records of this species in Devon, going back to 1890, but these are unclear with regard to exact capture date and whether the specimens were kept. This find will lead to further investigations of this most interesting spot in Devon. The specimen and genitalia slide are in my collection.— ROY McCORMICK, 36 Paradise Road, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8NR.

**An additional larval food-plant for *Sphinx ligustri* L. Privet Hawk-moth (Lep.: Sphingidae)**

On 31 August 2006, a larva of *Sphinx ligustri* L., the Privet Hawk-moth, was observed feeding on white-flowered *Buddleja davidii* by David Manning, the Bedfordshire County Micro-moth Recorder, in his garden in Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire. Having undertaken a reasonably thorough literature search I am fairly certain that this is a previously unrecorded food-plant for the species. The following texts have been searched for references: Danahar, G. W. & Northfield, R. G. W.,

1994. Foodplants of the Privet Hawkmoth, *Sphinx ligustri* Linn. (Lep.: Sphingidae): An experimental study. *Ent. Rec.* **106**: 47-50; Heath, J. & Emmet, A. M. (Eds), 1983. *The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland* Volume **9**. Harley Books; Lempke, B. J., 1978. Caterpillars Feeding on *Buddleja davidii* Franch. *Ent. Rec.* **90**: 252; Owen, D. F., 1977. Insect Fauna of *Buddleia davidii*. *Ent. Rec.* **89**: 344; Pittaway, A. R., 1993. *The Hawkmoths of the Western Palearctic*. Harley Books; Porter, J., 1997. *The colour identification guide to Caterpillars of the British Isles*. Viking; Skinner, B., 1998. *The colour identification guide to Moths of the British Isles* (Second Edition). Viking and Waring, P., Townsend, M. & Lewington, R., 2003. *Field Guide to the Moths of Great Britain and Ireland*. British Wildlife Publishing. The following websites were also examined: <http://www.leps.it/>; <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/projects/hostplants/>; <http://tpittaway.tripod.com/sphinx/> and <http://www.nic.funet.fi/pub/sci/bio/life/insecta/>. Tony Pittaway (pers. comm.) confirms that this is the first record of *S. ligustri* feeding on *B. davidii* that he is aware of; however, in such a polyphagous species this is not a surprise and he suspects if *S. ligustri* is actively looked for on *B. davidii* many more would be found.— LESLIE J. HILL, 3 Shaggs Cottages, East Lulworth, Dorset BH20 5QP.

***Mythimna vitellina* (Hb.) The Delicate and *Trichoplusia ni* (Hb.) Ni Moth (Lep.: Noctuidae): new to Bedfordshire**

A single Delicate *Mythimna vitellina* was taken at light on the night of 4 September 2006 in Eaton Ford, Bedfordshire by Tony Lawrence. Also taken at light, on the night of 17 September 2006 in Potton, was a single Ni Moth *Trichoplusia ni*. Jeremy Lindsell, the captor, only started moth recording during July this year. To the best of my knowledge, both migrant species are new Bedfordshire (VC 30) in this most satisfactory migrant year.— LESLIE J. HILL, 3 Shaggs Cottages, East Lulworth, Dorset BH20 5QP.

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**CORRIGENDA**

The following corrections to items in the current volume have been notified to the Editor:

- p. 201 The statement that *Etiella zinckenella* (Tr.) had not been illustrated in the British entomological literature is incorrect, since the 1995 Christchurch example was illustrated in *Atropos* number 3, plate 1, Figure 15. I am grateful to Mark Tunmore, the Editor of *Atropos* for pointing this out to me and I should point out that the error is an editorial *faux pas*, and not that of the author of the article.